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Bryan, et al.

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For: Human Spinal Disc Prosthesis

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§ Examiner: Stewart, Alvin J.
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Mail Stop Amendment
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Sir:

Enclosed are the following documents regarding the above-identified patent application:

1. Amendment in response to the Office Action dated November 12, 2004;
2. This transmittal in duplicate; and
3. Return postcard.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any further fees associated with any of the papers submitted herewith or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-1394.

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Dear Examiner:

In response to the office action of November 12, 2004, please consider the following:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.